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SUBJECT: SHEIKH OF SHARJAH GETS ROYAL RECEPTION IN SYRIA

1. THREE DAY VISIT OF SHEIKH SULTAN BIN MUHAMMAD AL-QASIMI OF SHARJAH TO DAMASCUS WAS ACCORDED LAVISH ATTENTION SUITED TO MAJOR ARAB HEAD OF STATE.

2. FROM MOMENT HIS ARRIVAL MARCH 18 UNTIL HIS DEPARTURE MARCH 22, AL-QASIMI AND HIS DELEGATION LARGELY CONSISTING OF HIGH-RANKING MEMBERS OF HIS FAMILY WERE KEPT BUSY WITH ROUND OF METINGS WITH SENIOR SARG OFFICIALS; BANQUETS, AND TOURS
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OF QUNEITRA, MILITARY FACILITIES, FACTORIES AND TOURISTS SITES. PRESS COVERAGE WAS EXTENSIVE. THROUGHOUT VISIT FRONT PAGE PHOTOS APPEARED OF AL-QASIMI WITH ASAD, KHADDAM, AND OTHERS ALONG WITH ACCOMPANYING ARTICLES.

3. COMMENT: THE METHOD IN SYRIA'S HOSPITALITY IS CLEAR.
IT IS PART OF THE SAME CAMPAIGN WHICH RECENTLY SAW SHARP

ATTACKS IN THE SYRIAN PRESS AND IN SYRIAN SPEECHES ATTACKING ARAB OIL PRODUCERS FOR THEIR SLOWNESS IN PROVIDING FINANCIAL SUPPORT TO THE CONFRONTATION STATES. THE SYRIAN THEME IS THAT THE ARAB WORLD IS ONE ENTITY, COMPOSED OF "CONFRONTATION STATES" AND "SUPPORTING STATES," AND ITS CAUSE AND ITS RESPONSIBILITY ARE ALSO ONE. SYRIA'S FULSOME RECEPTION OF SHEIKH SULTAN AIMED AT SENSITIZING HIM TO THEIR VIEW OF THE ARAB-ISRAELI CONFLICT. THE SHEIKH FOR HIS PART, DECLARED TO PRESS AFTER VISITING QUNEITRA, "WE HAVE THE FULL RESPONSIBILITY FOR SUPPORTING OUR ARAB BROTHERS IN THEIR STRUGGLE". WE EXPECT THAT OTHER SHEIKHLY VISITORS FROM THE GULF AND PENINSULA WILL BE RECEIVING THE SAME TREATMENT.
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